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THE ELECTION.

The Township election in Bloomfield on Tuesday was a quiet affair in the First and Second Wards, the Democrats having made no nominations against the ticket placed in the field by the Republican machine. A very light vote was consequently polled. A ticket headed "Independent Citizen's Republican" had been printed and circulated, adopting the regular candidates throughout, but cutting off the appropriation of \$10,000 for hard roads and cutting down considerably most of the other appropriations. Beyond the distribution of a circular no effort was made to induce votes for this ticket, yet it received 273 votes against 673 for the regular list of appropriations.

In the Third Ward the dissatisfaction with the machine tactics credited to Charles W. Powers, by which Noah Hampson was made the regular Republican candidate for Ward Committeeman, resulted disastrously for the machine. The Democratic leaders of this ward put out a Citizen's Ticket, differing only from the Republican Ticket in having the name of Thomas H. Albinson in place of Noah Hampson. A stubborn contest at the polls in both districts of the Ward was maintained all day, and over five hundred citizens voted, Albinson receiving a majority of 21.

The completed returns are as follows:

	WARDS	TOTAL		
	1	2	3	
Com. at Large,	248	163	501	912
G. Lee Stout,	257			
Ward Committeeman,	163			
James H. Moore,	247			
George Fisher,	268			
Noah Hampson,	165			
Thos. H. Albinson,	258	168	517	943
Township Clerk,	163			
Wm. L. Johnson,	251	167	508	922
Collector,	250			
J. Howard Hardcastle,	263	171	530	963
Off. of Poor,	4	1	3	8
Total votes counted,	258	170	517	945

Republican Township Convention.

The Republican Convention held at Dodd's Hall last Saturday night was attended by most of the leading public men of the place, either as delegates or spectators. The Chairman was Theodore H. Ward; the Secretary, Fred M. Davis.

When nominations were made for Committeeman at Large G. Lee Stout was the only candidate placed in nomination, the Chairman of each Ward presenting his name and making a speech.

The delegates were also of one mind as to the office of Township Clerk, William L. Johnson receiving the entire vote, after speeches had been made in his favor by several gentlemen.

Scouring the field, Paterson, the City of Hobart and of Griggs, gave the Democratic candidate for Mayor a majority of 1,500 in place of the 3,400 plurality McKinley received last November.

Jersey City likewise elected a Democratic Mayor and other officials by 2,000 against 3,100 for McKinley last fall.

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Direct Legislation.

The timely article elsewhere on The Referendum by Theodore Bourne first saw the light in the Essex County Press fifteen years ago, then published by the writer in Bloomfield. Now there is a Direct Legislation Record, devoted to that reform, published monthly in Newark by Elwood Pomeroy. In the March number, under the heading of legislative news of the movement that is destined to destroy party feudalism in America sooner or later, we find this item:

"Though an ardent Republican, Congressman McEwan has been utterly unable to get the resolution asking for a committee of inquiry on the application of Direct Legislation to National Affairs out of committee. Speaker Reed refused to recognize him for any purpose connected with it."

While it thus seems impossible to get the question fairly before Congress, the movement has made substantial progress in all parts of the country, particularly in the west. Associations have been formed to educate the people upon the principle involved, and already some half dozen State legislatures are considering constitutional amendments for the incorporation of direct legislation into fundamental law. The oscillation of political parties, the swing of the pendulum from one to the other extreme indicates the unrest of forces social, moral and political. As the empire could only give peace to the upheaved and discordant elements of society in France, so in the crisis-to-day Direct Legislation, Democracy pure and simple, can alone undo the wrongs committed in the name of representative government and give the nation peace. Partyism, wedded to the spoils system, can accomplish only evil.

Tree Planting.

It is safe to say that half the elms in the streets of Bloomfield are now either dead or in a moribund state. The sooner they are taken out the better, and other trees set out instead.

Two of the once beautiful elms that stood in front of Judge Dodd's residence have just been taken out, but in their place already are three thrifty maples, each measuring about a foot in circumference capable of affording shade for man and beast." Also it should be noted that these young trees have been properly planted, and protected after planting by a neat wire tree guard. This tree-moving, tree-planting and tree-protecting example set by Judge Dodd ought to be followed systematically in all parts of town, unless it is definitely settled that electric lighting under the present system has come to stay, in which case it will be of little use to plant trees.

The Kingdom of Heaven.

The New York Journal last Sunday contained the interpretations placed by leading clergymen upon the statement of Jesus: "It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." The consensus of clerical opinion was that Jesus meant that it was the selfish rich man who is barred out. One minister, however, the Rev. Dr. Collyer, said simply that he believed the divine Teacher "meant just what he said."

Napoleon is credited with having said: "Bayonets think." If political machines do any thinking the Powers machine must be saying to itself as the boy said after his experience with the mule: "I'm not as good-looking as I was," but now I Noah thunderin' sight more.

Disciplining the Machines.

"Independent" lightning struck New Jersey on Tuesday, as it struck the western towns last week. Democratic leaders attribute this change in political weather to the "Dingley bill," but the cause of it lies deeper than that. It is in the revolt of voters concerted against machine methods. Lentzism in Essex County and Powersism in this particular locality have gone as far as the voters who make up the rank and file of the Republican party are willing that it shall go without rebuke, hence the smashing of the machines, the downfall of the bosses, making room for the new alignment of political forces to take place from now until 1900.

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The Trolley Question.

The Summit Record has this to say in regard to the North Jersey Traction Company's efforts in pushing the trolley out to the Summit line:

"This company is in fact but a part of the Consolidated Traction Company and has changed its route only after a prolonged struggle for right of way through a field which it believes far more desirable and profitable. Again the company has succeeded in carrying out the boast of its managers that 'no body of citizens and no community could permanently obstruct their plans when they decide to secure entrance to any township or municipality.'

They have secured franchises under which they will reach the Summit Town line, and within a few months will probably direct their efforts to securing admission here. When their line is completed through Springfield Township the residents of Summit can look forward to a long and determined struggle, and only constant vigilance and vigorous resistance will frustrate the plans of the traction managers.

To the business men of the town this question is one of deep interest. It is unnecessary at this time to attempt to review the many and valid objections to an extension of the trolley to Summit, but to the merchants it would mean an injury from which they would not soon recover. In every community connected with the large cities by the trolley, the result of the introduction of that system has been a depression in business, almost ruinous. Orange and the neighboring communities; Elizabeth, Bloomfield and practically every other place over which this octopus has spread its tentacles have all suffered and are still in the throes of a business depression which required more than the hard times of the past few years to produce. The result would be similar in Summit and the surrounding areas.

The evils of lobbying in producing the shameful corruption known to exist among politicians can hardly be overstated. They have been described in a general way, and their terrible influence in depraving almost the public men of the last twenty years has been admitted by the pulpit, press and rostrum, yet they remain as potent as ever for the destruction of each relay of representatives who annually become the objects of the approach of the lobbyist. Almost every one knows of cases in which laws destructive to the commonwealth, imposing unjust or oppressive taxation, or reckless squandering of the people's money or lands have been enacted which would not have been passed if their representatives were simply their agents to make the laws and represent them to the people for enactment at the succeeding election. This brief statement will show the propriety of the "Referendum" to protect the people, kill lobbying and save time, expense and temptation to those sent to the Legislature to represent the people. It lays the ax to the root of the tree of corruption in American politics. It is recommended for immediate adoption as a cardinal principle for all political parties.

A Freak Legislation.

A Hazleton, Pa., paper says: "In the next Pennsylvania Legislature will be found one gambler, one base ball umpire, one preacher, eight men who declare they are 'gentlemen,' nineteen without occupations, twenty-seven lawyers and one pugilist. Of the members, three were convicted of larceny, one was tried for murder and acquitted, three in insane asylums, while eight have been at Keeley cures and four are divorced."

It was only a loaded ice-wagon that rolled over the machine last Tuesday.

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